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Mr. D. Barry Kelly
Senior Director for Intelligence Programs
National Security Council
Room 300, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This is a brief note to follow up my telephoned invitation to you to be the guest of the DCI's Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) at dinner on 26 January 1988 at La Mirabelle Restaurant. Drinks will be served at 7:00 P.M., with dinner beginning about 30 minutes later. La Mirabelle is located at 6645 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA (telephone: 893-8484).

As you may know, the Panel is a group of senior scientists and executives from outside government whose principal purpose is to serve as a source of independent advice for the DCI on a variety of scientific, technical, and managerial matters.

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It meets three times a year in formal session and throughout the year in working groups. The dinner on 26 January is the midpoint of the Panel's formal winter meeting.

The discussions during dinner are understood to be unofficial and informal. There are no speeches and no set agenda. The evening is intended to provide a relaxed, social atmosphere so that you can become better acquainted with the members, and they with you. The Panel is, of course, interested in learning what intelligence issues are of concern to you, especially those that might relate to the group's work. La Mirabelle is, however, a public place and although dinner will be served in a private room, all discussion must be unclassified.

I have enclosed a list of members with capsule biographies and a resume of the Panel's mission and functions. I shall forward a copy of the meeting agenda when it is completed so that you will have some idea of what topics will be fresh in the members' minds. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance,

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
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STAP RESUME

The Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) was formed by the Director of Central Intelligence in 1976. It serves the DCI as a source of independent advice and expertise on a variety of scientific, technical, and management issues. The membership includes renowned senior scientists, executives, and other leaders from industry and academe.

The STAP meets quarterly in plenary session where, inter alia, formal briefings are presented, reports approved, and direct consultation with the DCI is effected. At other times small working groups or sub-panels are formed to respond to DCI tasking, address specific issues, and provide STAP participation in technical studies or other ongoing projects.

The STAP also responds to requests for assistance from any Deputy Director or senior line manager who believes a STAP member's expertise may contribute to resolving a difficult technical intelligence problem. STAP assistance may be in the form of an informal discussion, a written memorandum, or a formal study or report signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the DCI.

Principal functions of the STAP include:

- To insure the DCI and senior Intelligence Community managers are forewarned of significant advances in state-of-the-art technology and in new applications of existing technology.
- To identify and highlight the implications of current and future S&T developments for intelligence activity.
- To provide linkages and interactions between the Intelligence Community and the scientific and technical communities in industry, academe, and government, as appropriate.
- To provide a quality control mechanism; an outside source for objective evaluation of current and planned S&T-related intelligence activity.
- To review evidence on existing S&T intelligence "enigmas" and to introduce new thinking and suggest avenues for solving these unknowns.